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Don't Tell A Soul...

In a remote, heavily wooded area near the Berkshires of Massachusetts, Rachel Lorant died on her birthday. But she didn't die alone. That night, her four sorority sisters make a solemn, trembling pledge. They will never reveal what has just happened in those woods--ever. Instead, they will take their terrible secret to their graves...

Don't Think About The Past...

Now, ten years later, their secret is coming back to haunt them as each receives a card in the mail from Rachel: "Happy Birthday to Me. xoxo R." It's clear that someone knows what happened that night. Someone is stalking them and sending mysterious, chilling gifts that only they can understand--deadly warnings of what is to come. For the sins of the past have come back with a vengeance, and a killer will see that they all pay in blood...

And Whatever You Do--Don't Scream...

Brynn Costello has never felt such pure fear. She didn't want any part in what happened so long ago, but now, the mother of two will do anything to stay alive and protect her family--even if it means matching wits with a killer she can't see...a twisted psychopath who is closer than she thinks and who is saving her death for last...

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Terri Lynn says

This was thrilling. One night 10 years ago, 5 sorority sisters went into the woods behind their college to have a drink to celebrate the birthday of one of them- Rachel. Rachel had been markedly upset at the birthday party at her sorority house and they hoped to cheer her up by giving her a depressant drug in the form of alcohol? Yep, that's college girl logic for you.

An oddity about the college is that students were assigned to rooms in the sorority house based on birth month. Rachel's birthday is in September while Brynn, Cassie, Fiona, and Tildy's birthdays were all in October.

On that fateful night, Rachel was carrying a terrible secret- she was pregnant but wasn't sure if it belonged to her stepbrother Isaac or to another boy who was the boyfriend of one of her sorority sisters. Either way, she had a problem. She brought along some super strong alcohol in a mason jar and chugged it down then got too close to the edge of a precipice and fell off to her death. Or is she dead at all?

Tildy climbed down and told the others that Rachel was dead and forced them all to swear to keep the secret. Worried that they might be accused of killing Rachel, they all swore they would never tell anyone and for 10 years have kept their secret. But someone knows it anyway.

Rachel was presumed missing by the college and when searchers went over the trail where her body had fallen, no trace was found. Now, on what would have been Rachel's 30th birthday, Brynn, Cassie, Fiona, and Tildy all get odd looking birthday cards that say "Happy Birthday to Me. R"

Is Rachel alive? Does someone know they abandoned her and never spoke a word? Or is it one of the 4 remaining sorority sisters playing a cruel and sick joke. Could it even be her stepbrother?

One woman who witnessed the killer with the envelopes with the cards is murdered in a hit and run and the killings just keep coming after it.

All 4 women hold other secrets. Tildy, the rich bitch among the women, lives in Back Bay Boston, is the petted daughter of a rich man (her mother is dead) and is having an affair with a married influential politician, the father of triplet daughters who has his eyes on the presidency. Cassie is finishing up her medical residency in Connecticut and is engaged to her long time physician boyfriend but has such cold feet she is acting crazy. She has mother issues too- hers is a cold hearted bitch. Fiona had been married to Patrick and has a young daughter Ashley. She had not wanted kids, thought Patrick was a loser for failing in law school, and had a very bitter divorce and is now a high driven career woman and single mom to a child she has no time for. Brynn pretty much wasted her college education and is a household frump (she admits it herself) who spends all day with son Caleb (who starts kindergarten) and his little brother Jeremy, spending her spare time begging Garth, her professor husband, to let her have a third kid though they can't afford it. She is so involved with kids, she is pushing her husband away from her. He does not want a third child and notices that all Brynn has on the brain is babies. He has a secret too- he once had an affair with Tildy while living with Brynn. Fiona and Brynn still live in their college town.

The women gather to discuss the situation but decide to keep their secret. And then here comes October with the three birthdays. Tildy's is first and she comes home to a cake, a little girl's pink party- and a murderer.

There are plenty of creepy, scary, heart pounding moments here and I kept on reading at a furious pace. Exciting and full of emotional drama.

Lesley says

good mystery to pass the time while on my nebulizer machine every few hrs. Will read more from this author as I downloaded some of her other books after this satisfying read!

Nicole Smith says

This one kept me turning pages - and kept me thinking about it when I wasn't reading.

I appreciated the conversation about what really matters in life. It made me think about other conversations around setting priorities and building patterns now that will allow me to have balance in my life/ with my family.

Mandy says

Wendy Corsi Staub is m FAVORITE author! This book makes it even more so! This book had twists and turns and I loved the way the murderer set up the victim's bodies and how it all coincided around birthdays. A great twist at the end! Couldn't put it down. Highly recommend.

Katrina says

I grew up with mystery novels like the suspenseful Agatha Christie and the suspenseful Mary Higgins Clark, so when my mom recommended "Don't Scream" but an author I had yet to hear of, I was skeptical. I was captivated by the very first chapter and literally couldn't put this book down. Staub has a true gift for storytelling, unique plot developments and cliffhanger chapters. Usually I know "whodunit" by the first chapter of most books...however, I literally was guessing until the climactic page and was so pleasantly proud of this book that I tried buying her entire collection! Bravo, bravo. =)

Suzanne says

I've just been reading this book while staying in my hotel room. I like mysteries but this one just didn't catch my interest much. It's about the Birthday Killer. Four girls see one of their friends fall to her death (on her birthday) and then don't tell anyone because they think that somehow they will be blamed. 10 years later someone comes back and starts killing the girls that were there, on their birthday's. I was kind of disappointed in who the killer was. Yea, sure you never know who a cold blooded killer could be but this one

really just gave it a ridiculous surprise at the end. The girl that died was pregnant and it was a guy who thought it was his baby, it wasn't by the way. He also happened to be married and divorced from one of the girls. Seemed kind of empty to me. The characters didn't feel authentic or anything. Fee magically recovers and turns into this loving wonderful person after the event? Pat doesn't try to kill Brynn immediately after catching her after he did with the others? It was an entertaining read but not exactly realistic.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Rachel Lorant died on her birthday. In a remote , heavily wooded area of Massachusetts. She didn,t die alone four if her sority sisters where there. They made a solemn pledge. They will never reveal what happened in those woods. They,ll take the secret to their graves. Now ten years later, their secret is coming back to haunt them each recieves a birthday card Happy Birthday xoxoR. It,s clear someone knows what happened that night. Someone is stalking them and sending , chilling mysterious gifts that only they can understand-The question is will they live to see there next birthday?

Natasha says

Omg!!!! This book was AWESOME!!!! It had me on the edge of my seat wanting more! The ending was great, the storyline was beyond phenomenal and the overall book was spectacular! I'm working on my book club listing which will feature more books by Wendi! Awesome book!

Amber says

I am very disappointed by this book. I have read several other books by Wendy Corsi Stuab and loved all of them. I didn't like the character development and the beginning of the book was so slow I just couldn't get into it at all. Those who are reading Wendy Corsi Staub for the first time, give her books another chance because her other books are great.

Shannon says

Wow!!!! Literally just finished the book. So did not see the ending happening the way it did. Found a new favorite author that is for sure. Love hen I am freaked out and can not guess the ending.

Thought for sure that Rachel was going to have survived, also was so creaped out by h step brother

Liz says

It was a great plot, but just seemed to drag on a little at the end.

Luvtoread says

This is a very good mystery and I am a fan of WCS so I must say that I really enjoy her style of writing. WCS's books usually take place in suburbia and the main characters are women who are mothers, married or single and stalking in some way. This book involves four women and they have a big secret from their past that they all share and it is coming back to haunt them upon receiving birthday messages from their dead friend and all their lives are now threatened. Good suspenseful read, it keeps you guessing up to the end of the book!

Crystal Hiatt says

Wendy Corsi Staub is my guilty pleasure. I absolutely love her books, and this one is my all time favorite by her! She paints very vibrant and realistic characters. The mystery unfolds with lots of delicious twists and turns. The ending left me speechless. What more can I say? I couldn't put this book down.

Julie says

Staub has great plotlines...but toooo many characters!! Why does she make most of the heroine's children bratty and spoiled? Brynn was irritating from the first page with no backbone. And what is with the pregnancy-hormone thing? "I must have imagined it because of the hormones..." or "I must be hearing things b/c of..." or "I ate a whole jar of nuts and don't remember. Must be the hormones!"

Like I said, great ideas with shocking twists and turns. Ending is too wham-bam, though. Do not consider her in the same calibre as Mary Higgins Clark like the cover of all the paperbacks say. Sorry!

Valentina Abate says

Really good book, I liked how it was written, the twist and the ending, a lot. It gave the right quantity of suspense I was expecting.
